

Exhibit 31

Honorable Judge Durkin - ①

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I am a lifelong resident of Kendall County and have had the pleasure of knowing the T. Dennis Hastert family since 1959. I grew up with Dennis' youngest brother Chris.

Dennis has helped me, and also my wife Jan in many ways over the years. Never more so than when our 1st and only child, Alyson, was born with RETT Syndrome. An affliction that in most rett girls requires a feeding tube & constant 24 hr care. No walking, non-verbal, etc. At 13 yrs old and 38 lbs we were fortunate to find some one who could help us cut through the layers of red tape and put in a G-Tube - a feeding tube to help our daughter take in food. Dennis helped us find Dr. Reynolds at

Childrens hospital and she put a G-tube in Alyson. Alyson is now 36 years old and doing fine. That was just one of many things Derry has helped my family with over the years.

Something more recent occurred when a customer of mine son come down with Leukemia, he was 8 yrs old!! Redacted

was about as regular as a young kid or any. He really was in trouble with the arduous treatment for his leukemia. Redacted

His father Redacted had told me that Redacted had never fished so I asked Derry + Jean(Derry's wife) if they would mind if I brought Redacted + his father over + fish at their pond on their property. They said absolutely so a Sunday 8 yrs ago, Redacted had a great time fishing and CATCHING! many fish. Texting photos to his older sister Redacted Derry + Jean come down Redacted Dad and joined the fun and told Redacted that they were welcome to come and fish anyone they liked. Redacted

That meant the world to [Redacted] + his
son [Redacted]

[Redacted] is now a senior in high
school in [Redacted], IL and is looking
forward to college. Healthy once again!

Thank you Judge Durkin for reading
my words and hope they may help you
when you make your decision in the
coming weeks.

Thank you Again + God Bless!

Jeff Brown

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